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1. During the latter half of 1951 high grade iron ore deposits were discovered at Mount Kapaonik in Serbia and at Demir Hissar, a mountain between Bitolj Kicevo and Prilep in Macedonia.
2. Survey work was carried out in both areas and tests taken. It was decided that the Kapaonik ores were suitable for use in the ironworks at Cacak and Krusevac. The Kicevo ores, though not of the first quality, were found at a depth of six feet and were therefore suitable for opencast mining.
3. Work was started on both sites early in 1952 by workers brigades. They were connected to existing highways by roads. Some 1000 youths were employed on each of the projects, which were completed by June 1952.
4. In the second half of 1952 work was begun on the building of the ironworks at Kicevo, close to the opencast pits which will in 1955 have a rolling mill and four blast furnaces and will operate on the same scale as Zenica in Serbia. The machinery for the plant is to be brought from Jesenice as far as possible. The labor for the installation of the machinery is Slovene recruited from the Jesenice works and under the supervision of a director named Heribert Crenk.

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